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Happy New Year everyone. Welcome to the January 2008 edition of the Newsletter, kicking off our 10th year of publication. It really is hard to believe, and a little bit scary, just how quickly 10 years go by. I can clearly remember putting together the very first Radio HF Internet Newsletter 10 years ago, after just a short time of being exposed to the Internet.

January 2008 also marks another 10th anniversary, the great Ice Storm of 1998. Montreal, and other parts of the northeast, was hit hard with one of the largest natural disasters ever in this region. Where were you at this time and how were you affected?

In this month's Newsletter, the Monthly Special Zone will feature Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The Hamfest/Fleamarket Zone returns this month with listings of the first few events of 2008 in Canada.
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THE COMMENTS ZONE

LEN COOMBS, MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN: Your newsletter is looked forward to each month with eager anticipation and while I'm sorry that I can't contribute more than I have, it is indeed a pleasure to receive and I give you my heartfelt thanks for including me in your distribution.

DAVID KEELY, ANGLESEY, WALES, U.K.: Hi Sheldon, Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to you and your family and thank you for the wonderful newsletters over the past year. All the best.

JERRY BROOKMAN, KENAI, ALASKA: I guess I haven't been in communication for a while, but want to let you know I DO appreciate your efforts in getting out the H.F. newsletter! Happy Holidays!

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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Thank you to our 7 contributors this month or their input. I look forward to input from many of our other subscribers throughout 2008.

Pete Dernbach, St. Louis, Missouri
Robert Ellis, Beaconsfield, Quebec
David Goren, ???
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Sam McLauchlan, Montreal, Quebec
Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario
Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

http://www.mlkday.org/

In recognition of the 40th anniversary of Dr. King's assassination, the Corporation for National and Community Service in 2008 is also pleased to join with other organizations in supporting a new initiative, "40 Days of Nonviolence: Building the Beloved Community." Under this initiative, the King Day of Service will kick off 40 days during which families, schools, faith communities, and other organizations will plan service projects and educational activities promoting Dr. King's message of nonviolence and social justice.

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THE JANUARY ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia.
The page features an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day.
Here is the link for the month of January.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/January

Also, our previous source for special days is no longer available so, beginning this month, we will begin using Brownielocks.com. Here are the monthly, weekly and daily observances for January 2008:

http://www.brownielocks.com/january.htm

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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

ICOM IC-92AD DUAL BAND HANDHELD TRANSCEIVER

Icom proudly announces the debut of submersible dual band transceiver, IC-92AD. The IC-92AD is upgraded from the IC-91AD series and most of the features are retained. In addition it now provides submersible protection, equivalent to IPX7. Used with the optional HM-175GPS, the IC-92AD provides GPS position reporting functions in DV mode and GPS functions are fully compatible with IC-282OH. The IC-92AD and HM-175GPS are targeted to D-STAR enthusiasts, amateurs who are outdoor orientated and safety related organizations who are looking for a simple GPS position reporting system. 5 watts VHF/UHF dual band transceiver, wide band receiver, D-Star Ready, CTCSS/DTCS, keypad navigation, squelch release. The VFO-A receive range is 0.495-823.990, 849-868.990 and 894-999.990 MHz. The VFO-B receive range is 118-174 and 350-470 MHz.

Icom products are available from Radio HF. Contact Radio HF for complete details.

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THE RADIO ZONE

RADIO DIRECTORY

http://www.radiodirectory.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This site bills itself as offering everything about radio and radio stations. There are currently over 7,300 radio related sites linked on this page.

WNEW 1130 THE WORLD'S GREATEST RADIO STATION

http://www.wnew1130.com

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

WNEW-AM, in 1992, played its last Sinatra song and disappeared into the bogs and mists of radio history, mourned and admired still as the standard against which broadcasters striving for excellence were once judged. We intend to use this space to create a WNEW history, tell some stories, publish some pictures and collect the bits and pieces of a shattered past that turn up in a Google search. We don't know to how many people this effort matters, but that it matters to some is reason enough.

SHORTWAVEOLOGY

http://www.shortwaveology.com/

VIA David Goren,

In this listening log, I'll muse over the state of shortwave, and other forms of long distance broadcasting as they bump up against the digital age. As often as possible, I'll incorporate "catch `o the day," for some snap cracklin' audio fresh off the shortwave bands, or served on ice from our archive.

DX TESTS

http://www.dxtests.info/

VIA Robert Ellis, Beaconsfield, Quebec

AM (mediumwave) DX tests are organized and scheduled by the National Radio Club and the International Radio Club of America. This page keeps DXers up to date on upcoming tests.

CANADIAN MARCONI COMPANY

http://www.jproc.ca/marconi/

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

I have just posted a web page showcasing Canadian Marconi radio equipment produced during the era of vacuum tubes. My list of equipment is not complete however I have taken it as far as I can for now. Hopefully it will turn into an on-line resource for those who are interested in this aspect of Canada's radio history. The featured equipment in the web page is the CSR-5 receiver family, the CM11 transmitter-receiver and the PV-500 series transmitters, all products used extensively in the Royal Canadian Navy during WWII and the post war period.

HENRY JOSEPH ROUND

http://jproc.ca/radiostor/round.html

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

There has been much written about Guglielmo Marconi. On the other hand, very little has been written about some of the engineers who were employed by the Marconi Company and who, to a great extent, were responsible for the success of the Company. This is the first of a series of articles which aims to highlight the work of these pioneers of wireless, who, even today, are relatively unknown.

KMOX-THE VOICE OF ST. LOUIS

http://www.stlradio.com/kmoxtxhistory.pdf

VIA Pete Dernbach, St. Louis, Missouri

I found a link on the stlradio.net site to a pdf file about the history of KMOX's transmitters up to 2005.

AMATEUR RADIO DISASTER SERVICES

http://www.ares.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This Internet site is dedicated to Amateur radio as it pertains to disaster services.

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PALSTAR R30CC SHORTWAVE RECEIVER

The R30 HF shortwave receiver is a compact high performance radio capable of receiving multimode signals in the 100 Khz to 30 MHz spectrum. It provides excellent strong signal handling, high sensitivity and dynamic range to eliminate annoying intermodulation interference. The radio also features 100 programmable memories, variable rate tuning and switchable bandwidths in all modes. All this squeezed into a footprint that fits inside a sheet of paper (8"x9"x2.5"). The R30 receiver is also equipped with a 10 AA cell internal battery pack that automatically connects to the radio when the external adapter plug is disconnected allowing portable operation.

Complete details on the Palstar R30CC receiver are available from their website at:
http://www.palstar.com/r30.php

The Palstar R30CC is available from Radio HF.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

1998 ICE STORM DIARY OF A MONTREAL DISASTER

http://www.imiuru.com/icestormdiary/icestormtext.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Web page creator Stephen McDonnell writes "Beginning Monday January 5, 1998, a huge ice storm raged across a large area of North America - it lasted for almost a week. Power line towers fell, trees fell on local lines, and eventually people fled their cold houses to improvised shelters... it seemed civilization is falling apart. Friday January 16, 1998, I have a 100 foot extension cord running to my neighbour's house which I can either use to power my furnace pump or my portable computer. I am sitting in the basement in the darkness, except for the glow of my computer screen and pilot light, next to my furnace, with my laptop on my knees. I am starting to feel the cold creeping into my house, and feet, so I will try to be brief. So begins the story...."

CBC ARCHIVES THE ICE STORM OF JANUARY 1998

http://archives.cbc.ca/300c.asp?id=1-70-258

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Here is a collection of radio and TV reports from the CBC on the January 1998 storm.

AFGHANISTAN NEWS

http://www.afghanistannews.net/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Afghanistan News.Net is part of an international network of news sites, dedicated to the major regions, countries and cities of the world.

FIMOCULOUS THE BEST OF 2007

http://www.fimoculous.com/year-review-2007.cfm

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

This page aggregates all of the 2007 lists in numerous categories from a wide variety of sources. Previous years are also available on the site.

THE WASHINGTON-MOSCOW HOTLINE

http://www.jproc.ca/crypto/hotline.html

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

On my Crypto Machines web page, I have added a document which summarizes the history of the Washington-Moscow Hot Line from 1963 up to the mid 80's. Unlike most web documents on this topic which only carry text, I have managed to include three relevant photos.

THE COUSTEAU SOCIETY

http://www.cousteau.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Cousteau Society is a membership-supported, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the protection and improvement of the quality of life for present and future generations.

MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

http://www.mvpa.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This group's mission is to provide an international organization for military vehicle enthusiasts, historians, preservationists and collectors interested in the acquisition, restoration, preservation, safe operation and public education of historic military transport.

SUPERBOWL

http://www.nfl.com/superbowl

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The NFL's championship game is less than a month away. The two participating teams have yet to be determined but the hype is already

up and running.
This year's game will be held in Arizona.

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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

WHAT'S NEW IN BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS FROM THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY

LEAGUE, THE RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN, and other publishers?

THE ARRL DXCC LIST - FEBRUARY 2008 EDITION

The official source of DXCC information! Record the DXCC Entities you've worked and QSLed! This new edition includes a complete listing of DX Century Club rules including the latest changes and clarifications. It includes the current entity list, deleted entities, and recent DXCC Entity additions. Also includes a prefix cross-reference, the list of international call sign series, and much more. Descriptions of all DXCC awards are covered, and information about how to get numerous DXCC items, such as pins and plaques. This is a "must have" for every DXer.
February 2008 edition, © 2008, The American Radio Relay League, Inc. (ISBN: 0-87259-121-2) #1212 -- $6.50 Canadian.
Coming in early February!

THE GIL CARTOON BOOK - FIRST EDITION

This publication is more than a book of illustrations. It is a tribute to a legend, a man who created more than 1500 pieces of art for QST. His work became a tradition. In tribute to this talented, creative and devoted artist and ham, we present in this book a reprint of a portion of the best of his work. "This first edition collection of Gil's cartoons was introduced in 1986." 130 Pages. First edition, 2007 printing. © 1986-2007. Published by American Radio Relay League, Inc. (ISBN: 0-87259-036-4) #0364 - $17.50 Canadian
Now Shipping!

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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

THE ONION

http://www.theonion.com/content/index

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Onion is a satirical weekly newspaper poking fun at and culture jamming popular news stories.

SPORTS PICKLE

http://www.sportspickle.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The sports humour and satire website. For many people, sports is serious business. At Sports Pickle, it certainly isn't!

ANIMATOR VS ANIMATION

http://alanbecker.deviantart.com/art/Animator-vs-Animation-34244097

VIA Sam McLauchlan, Montreal, Quebec

Here is a neat little animation which might be suitable for mentioning in the Newsletter. Artist's Comments: An animator faces his own animation in deadly combat. The battlefield? The Flash interface itself. A stick figure is created by an animator with the intent to torture. The stick figure drawn by the animator will be using everything he can find - the brush tool, the eraser tool - to get back at his tormentor. It's resourcefulness versus power. Who will win? You can find out yourself. This took three long months...I think it's worth it.

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THE 2008 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local. (Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2QQ, Pierrefonds, Quebec, and Radio Amateurs of Canada)

Saturday, February 2
Big Event 30 Hamfest & Fleamarket
Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Location: Merritton Lions Community Centre, 7 Park Avenue, St. Catharines, ON.
7:00 am for vendors and 9:00 am for the public.
Admission $6.00.
Information: Dave, VE3BBN at vendors@...
For more information, contact Peter, VE3HM at bigevent@...
Web: http://www.nparc.on.ca/content/home

Saturday, February 23
Burlington Amateur Radio Club Fleamarket, 828 Legion Road, Burlington, Ontario
Vendors 7 a.m.; Public 9 a.m.
Tables: $10.00 each
Information: John Greven, VE3LEC, 249 Camelot Dr
Burlington, ON L7L 2E9
Talk-in: 147.120+; Tone 131.8
E-mail: john@...
Web: http://www.barc.ca/Spring%20Fleamarket.htm

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RADIO HF GIFT CERTIFICATES

Gift certificates are a great idea if you're not sure what that special person is looking for. Radio HF is offering gift certificates available in any denomination. Please contact Radio HF for details.

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The Radio H.F. Nature Division offers hundreds of specialty books in the fields of birding, animals, plants, etc. A complete listing of the titles is available on the new Radio H.F. web page at http://www.radiohf.ca. Simply click on the Canada goose!

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, radio broadcasts and other resources that may be of interest to you.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962. Our monthly newsletter, MESSENGER, now published electronically, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby.

SPECIAL OFFER: To all Radio HF Internet Newsletter subscribers, a FREE sample of our monthly CIDX electronic newsletter, MESSENGER, (in .PDF format) is available to you for the asking. Just send along an e-mail to cidxclub@..., with a valid return e-mail address and you'll receive your copy by return e-mail. Our January 2008 edition, 60 pages, is now available. Membership is open to radio hobbyists worldwide.

CIDX is working on its new webpage. The update is far from complete, but you are welcome to visit the new page. Watch for new information and developments on the page shortly.

http://www.cidx.ca

PRIME TIME SHORTWAVE

Prime Time Shortwave is a listing of English shortwave broadcast that are updated on a weekly basis by webmaster Daniel Sampson of Arcadia, Wisconsin. The schedules are being constantly updated from various print and internet sources as well as from monitoring by the webmaster and other shortwave listeners and DXers. The shortwave schedules are available by time, country and frequency format. Also, they are available in ASCII, DBase, Excel and PalmOS formats (Dan Lyddy creates the PalmOS file). You will also find links to some of the best radio related websites and to the international broadcasters and time conversion charts (some provided by Craig Braun). Please visit the Prime Time Shortwave webpage at

http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, beginning its 20th year on CKUT-FM, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1530 UTC). The show's co-hosts, Janice and Steve Karlock, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the CKUT web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may listen to archived editions of the programme through the CKUT web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@yahoo.com

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

Radio Canada International is Canada's shortwave broadcaster. The new broadcast schedules for the winter broadcast season (28 October 2007 to 8 March 2008) have been posted on the Schedules and Frequencies page of the RCI webpage at the following address:

http://www.rcinet.ca/rci/en/horaires.shtml

You will also find the schedules for three 24-hour per day satellite channels on the HotBird satellite (Europe/North Africa/Middle East), the RCI Plus channel on Sirius Satellite Radio and the live RCI Viva service available on the website.

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